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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No gruel centres are proposed to be opened in Malabar exclusively for the unemployed handloom workers. But, four such centres are proposed to be opened in big urban weaving centres for the old and infirm weavers and their children in addition to the five centres already functioning in the district."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the Government passed orders that gruel centres should be opened in towns only and, if so, are the Government aware of the fact that it deprives the unemployed handloom weavers of this benefit, who live in thousands in suburbs of towns, for example, suburbs of Cannanore, Tellicherry, etc., and places where the hereditary handloom weavers live, and will the Government be pleased to open gruel centres in Malabar wherever they are found to be absolutely necessary by changing the Government Order?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I said that gruel centres were being opened only in urban areas and they would cater only to the old, the infirm and the children, and not to the able-bodied."

*Opening of a Sub-Registrar's office at Inkollu village, Bapatla taluk.*

*130 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state whether any request of the inhabitants of the village of Inkollu in Bapatla taluk in Guntur district is made recently for the opening of the office of a Sub-Registrar at the place, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Yes. The Government have asked the Inspector-General of Registration to bring forward the proposal as a Part II scheme for 1954–55."

*Famine conditions in Attappady Valley, Walluvanad taluk.*

*131 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any reports about the famine conditions in Attappady Valley of Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government consider that no special outlay on distress relief is necessary in Malabar district as that district has had a normal season for 2 or more years in the past and a bad season now cannot mean that degree of distress which